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STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA No. DA 09-0548 ORIGINAL

STATE OF MONTANA,

Plaintiff and Appellee,

v.

RICHARD KNOX,

Defendant and Appellant.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL OF RECORD

COMES NOW, Eileen A. Larkin, counsel of record for Defendant and Appellant, and respectfully requests an order from this Court allowing her to withdraw as counsel of record in the above entitled matter. Counsel has determined that an appeal would be frivolous or wholly without merit after reviewing the entire record and researching applicable statutes, case law, and rules. The Defendant/Appellant has been advised of counsel's decision and of his right to file a response to this motion. Counsel will send the file and transcripts in the matter to the Defendant/Appellant at his written request so that he can file an appropriate response to this motion.

A brief in support of this motion has been filed simultaneously with this motion.

Opposing counsel has been contacted regarding this motion and does not object.

Respectfully submitted this 1 day of June, 2010.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I caused a true and accurate copy of the foregoing Motion to Withdraw as Counsel of Record to be mailed to:

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